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MEDIA RELEASE**For Immediate Release****August 17, 2005****Contact: Karen Vickers****(770) 424-8274****KIDS' STAGE DRAMA DRAWS SMILES**

KENNESAW, GEORGIA (August 17, 2005) – The audience laughed. Cast members giggled. Everyone had a good time.

Nine children, ages 4-10, from the youth drama camp performed the original play, *The Gift*, written by local residents Darby Chism and Linda Aronoff in a production held on July 29 at 7 p.m. at the Kennesaw Community Center. Twenty-five people attended the performance.

The Gift is a Hawaiian folktale that tells the story of the creation of the lei. The play, directed and produced by Darby Chism, marked the end of the one-week youth drama camp.

The cast included (in order of appearance): Bradley Hazel, Tyler Goodson, Samatha Lockamy, Jacob Drobney, Lindsey Braden, Katie Bruno, Susannah Murphine, Kali Houston, and Rebecca Chism.

The young cast members helped with the set design, set construction, and prepared costumes and props. "It was a delightful presentation," said David Pies, Recreation Programs Coordinator. "I was very impressed with the children's ability to remember their lines in such a short amount of time."

Darby has been an instructor with the Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department since 2004. She is currently offering 'caregiver & me' art and drama classes at the Kennesaw Community Center.

For additional information about Kennesaw Parks & Recreation programs, visit at www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec or call (770) 422-9714.

DIGITAL PHOTO ATTACHED.

PHOTO 1: Actor Jacob Drobney strikes a pose as the character "Prince Manu" in *The Gift*.

PHOTO 2: Cast members performing *The Gift*, a Hawaiian folktale.

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